

Trustees schedule 2014 meeting dates

The WMU Board of Trustees has set its meeting dates for the remainder of the year. The dates are: Wednesday, April 9; Tuesday, June 3; Wednesday, July 23; Tuesday, Sept. 30; and Thursday, Dec. 4. Most meetings are held on campus in the Bernhard Center, but trustees occasionally meet in other locations.

Employee self-service option removed

Until further notice, payroll direct deposit changes will not be available through the employee self-service online system. Payroll direct deposit additions, changes and deletions may be made by filling out a request form in the Payroll and Disbursements Office in 1270 Seibert Administration Building.

All changes to direct deposit information require that employees show appropriate identification. Call the payroll office at (269) 387-2935 for additional information.

New location for faculty-staff mixer

The location of the Fridays With Friends faculty-staff mixer Feb. 21 has been changed to the Gilmore Theatre Complex atrium. These free employee mixers are held from 4 to 6 p.m. Fridays and include light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The March 21 event is also set for Gilmore's atrium while the April 29 mixer will be in the Fetzer Center.

Don't miss College Goal Sunday

Area college-bound students will be able to maximize their financial aid opportunities by attending MI College Goal from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, in Schneider Hall.

The event, which is being held at dozens of sites around the state, helps those who are thinking about attending college to fill out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid—FAFSA.

FAFSAs must be submitted by the Saturday, March 1, deadline to ensure eligibility for the most assistance possible. For details, including a list of materials to bring and door prizes available, visit micollegegoal.org.

Spring funding workshops continue

Faculty and staff members are invited to a series of professional development workshops every other Tuesday this semester that address topics associated with external and internal funding to support faculty scholarship. Space is limited, and registration closes the Friday prior to each session. The next workshop is Tuesday, Feb. 18. For details, call (269) 387-8270 or visit wmich.edu/research.

Feb. 14 is assessment awards deadline

The nomination due date for the University Assessment Excellence Unit Award and the University Individual Assessment Excellence Award is Friday, Feb. 14. Awards will be presented at the Assessment in Action Day conference Friday, March 21. For details, visit wmich.edu/news/2014/01/13223.

Sangren continues earning design praise

A spate of new awards puts Sangren Hall, home to the College of Education and Human Development, firmly in the lead as the University's most honored architectural project.



Interior of Sangren Hall (Photo by Mike Lanka)

The most recent accolade was formally presented in Detroit Feb. 5, when Sangren was recognized by the Construction Association of Michigan as one of the organization's 2013 Special Issue featured projects.

Peter J. Strazdas, associate vice president for facilities management, traveled to Detroit to accept the award, along with representatives of architectural firm SHW Group and Miller-Davis, the construction management firm. As part of the award, Sangren was featured in a lengthy article in the organization's October magazine. The article, "Sangren Hall: A 21st Century Schoolhouse," lauded the "playful rigor" of the building's design and its successful integration of technology, sustainability and collaborative work spaces.

The award comes just weeks after Sangren won a 2013 American School and University Architecture Portfolio Award in the post-secondary category. That citation lauded Sangren for its "excellent daylighting," overall layout and variety of student gathering spaces.

Several other schools from around the nation were in the competition for that top port-

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WMU literary press recognized with award, grant

The University's literary press has started the new year with three recent accolades.

New Issues Poetry and Prose had one of its anthologies, "Poetry in Michigan/Michigan in Poetry," named a 2014 Michigan Notable Book. It also received a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and a chancellorship for author Khaled Mattawa.

The Michigan Notable Book Award is given to the top 20 Michigan-related books each year, as decided by a committee of booksellers, librarians and reviewers through the Library of Michigan.

"Poetry in Michigan/Michigan in Poetry" features the work of 90 Michigan poets and was coedited by William Olsen, WMU professor of English, and Jack Ridl, professor emeritus of English at Hope College. It and

New Issues will be formally recognized at an awards event in April in Lansing, Mich.

With the new grant, WMU now houses one of only four university-affiliated presses to earn an NEA grant this year for literature and one of only two publishing poetry.

The money will support the printing and promotion of New Issues' Green Rose Series, including multi-media approaches to promoting the series. The press will collaborate with WMU's Adriane Little, art, to produce poetry videos featuring the work of these poets.

New Issues' third accolade is having its author Mattawa elected chancellor of the Academy of American Poets, an honorary post that has been held by some of the most distinguished poets in the United States.

News-oriented quiz show episode to be taped on campus

National Public Radio's "Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!" is coming to Miller Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

The popular show airs on WMUK-102.1 FM at 10 a.m. Saturdays. Now in its 15th season, the Peabody Award-winning "Wait Wait..." uses current events to generate comedy in a quiz show format.

Host Peter Sagal, along with official judge and scorekeeper Carl Kasell, leads a rotating panel of comedians, humorists, journalists, listener contestants and celebrity guests



News is fun for Wait Wait's Carl Kasell, left, and Peter Sagal. (Photo courtesy of Miller Auditorium)

through a comic review of the week's news.

Contestants vie for the most coveted prize in all of public radio: a custom-recorded greeting by Kasell for their voicemail.

Tickets are on sale now and range from \$33 to \$123. They can be purchased

online at millerauditorium.com, by calling (269) 387-2300 or (800) 387-2312, or in person at the Miller Auditorium Ticket Office.

For more information about the show, visit waitwait.npr.org.

Around campus and beyond

Editor's note: Visit wmich.edu/news/events for more information about events.

Discussions part of MLK celebration

Activities are continuing for this year's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

Racial progress, professional and social success, and unity among African-American college students will be examined during a program titled "Is Our Past Brighter Than Our Future?" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, in 208-09 Bernhard Center.

WMU alumni also will present a program on "Promoting Diversity in Science-related Careers" at noon Wednesday, Feb. 26, in 208-10 Bernhard Center.

Lectures focus on suicide prevention

Jack Klott, founder and director of Suicide Prevention Consultants in Grand Rapids, Mich., will speak at three events Thursday, Feb. 13.

"Suicide Prevention Assessment Training for Health Care Providers/Students in Training on Campus and in the Community" is set for 2 to 5 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room of Schneider Hall.

Next up will be "Suicide, Substance Abuse and Bullying" and "Protective Factors and Implications of Culture on Suicide" from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Lee Honors College Building lounge.

Entrepreneur to make presentation

Robert Kennedy, chief scientific officer of Vestaron, will speak Friday, Feb. 14, in 2150 Schneider Hall as part of the Entrepreneurship Forum. The free event begins with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. The talk will follow at 8 a.m. Registration is required at wmich.edu/business/e-rsvp or (269) 387-6059.

Talks look at globalization, bioethics

Patricia H. Werhane, the Wicklander Chair of Business Ethics and managing director of the Institute for Business and Professional Ethics at DePaul University, will speak on "Globalization and Its Discontents" at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in 1120 Schneider Hall.

Also part of the Center for the Study of Ethics in Society's spring season is "Breakthroughs in Genomics and Ethics" at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, in 2500 Knauss Hall. Speaking will be Elaine Englehardt, from Utah Valley University, and WMU's Michael Pritchard and Shirley Bach, philosophy.

High-profile author to give readings

Rachel Kushner, who has twice been a finalist for the National Book Award, will read from her works at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in the Little Theatre as part of the Gwen Frostic Reading Series. In addition to her literary honors, Kushner received a 2013 Guggenheim Fellowship.

Events planned for Engineers Week

Bob Carlton, an aerospace engineer with a long track record at one of the nation's foremost laboratories, is keynote speaker for the Engineers Week Dinner Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Fetzer Center. He will speak on "Adventures in Light Jet Aircraft Development" during the after-dinner program that starts at 7:30 p.m.

This year marks the 35th Engineers Week celebration, which is designed to increase public awareness and appreciation of engineers and their work. For information about the dinner and other Engineers Week events, visit wmich.edu/engineer/eweek.

Prof honored by international group

Yvette D. Hyter, speech pathology and audiology, was named a fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at the association's 2013 convention.



Hyter

One of the highest honors the association bestows, the designation acknowledges Hyter as an exemplary professional and recognizes her outstanding contributions to the

discipline of communication sciences and disorders. She was specifically cited for her work in the areas of clinical service and education, teaching, and leadership in the field.

Hyter is a co-founder of the WMU Unified Clinic's Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Assessment Center, a trans-disciplinary collaboration that comprehensively assesses the impact to children following exposure to traumatic events or suspected fetal alcohol exposure.

Emeritus edits new book on Aral Sea

Philip P. Micklin, emeritus in geography, is chief editor of "The Aral Sea: The Devastation and Partial Rehabilitation of a Great Lake." Nikolay Aladin and Igor Plotnikov from the Russian Academy of Sciences are associate editors of the book, published by Springer in late 2013.



Micklin

The Aral Sea is a once-large lake lying among the deserts of Central Asia. Since the 1960s it has suffered unprecedented drying and ecological and economic damage due to large-scale withdrawals of water for irrigation from the two rivers feeding it.

Micklin wrote eight chapters in the 18-chapter book, which provides a detailed look at the Aral Sea's past, present and future. Other expert contributors come from Russia, Germany, France, Kazakhstan, the United States and Uzbekistan. Micklin was invited by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences to participate in a workshop last year devoted to water management issues in the United States, Europe and Iran.

Staffer leading state organization

Sashanta S. James, student financial aid and scholarships, is the new president of the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association Board of Directors. James, a WMU employee since 1986, took office Jan. 29 and had been serving the past year as president-elect.



James

MSFAA brings together post-secondary schools and other public and private organizations involved with providing financial aid for students. While serving as the board's elected president, James also will fulfill a one-year appointment as the Michigan representative on the Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

As a volunteer with MSFAA, she has served in posts including conference site chair and chair of the Early Awareness and Multicultural Outreach Committee, which received the President's Award for its involvement throughout Michigan.

Retirement receptions

Ronald Miller, computer science, will be recognized for his service to the University during a retirement reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in D-132 Engineering and Applied Sciences Building. RSVP at

heidi.kleyn@wmich.edu or (269) 276-3125 by Monday, Feb. 10.

Joan Johnson, information technology, will be recognized for her service to the University during a retirement reception from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, in the Oaklands.

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Exchange

For sale—Brick home in quiet Westwood neighborhood five minutes from WMU. Large living room with gas fireplace, dining room, two bedrooms, one bathroom, full basement and two-stall garage with enclosed breezeway. Tile floors in kitchen, hardwood floors elsewhere. Partially converted attic with potential for an extra bathroom and bedroom. Central air. Furnace recently replaced. Price: \$75,000 as is. Call (269) 689-8984 or (616) 534-4446.

Jobs

Current job opportunities at WMU are announced daily on the Human Resources website at wmich.edu/hr/jobs. Please note that applications must be submitted online by the stated deadline. Complete application procedures are included with each posting.

Nominations accepted for staff awards

Nominations for the spring round of semiannual Make a Difference awards are due by Friday, Feb. 28.

Make a Difference is a campuswide peer-to-peer program that recognizes staff members for their accomplishments and daily investment of energy and creativity. It features semiannual and annual awards presented to employees who provide exceptional service to the University.

Every fall and spring, semiannual awards are presented to a maximum of 15 people. Those selected for the accolade receive a before-tax \$300 prize and certificate, are recognized at a special reception, and may be nominated for one of four annual Make a Difference awards that carry a before-tax \$1,200 prize.

Employees may receive the semiannual award more than once, but are limited to one such award per academic year. The annual award, which may only be received once, is given to each year's four most outstanding semiannual award winners.

Nominations for Make a Difference awards are accepted for individuals from the following five employee groups: Administrative Professional Association; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Michigan State Employees Association; Police Officers Association; and Professional Support Staff Organization.

Nomination instructions and forms are available year round at wmich.edu/makeadifference/nominations.



Board authorizes acquisition of property adjacent to campus

Acting at their Jan. 22 meeting, WMU trustees authorized University officials to move forward with the acquisition and subsequent demolition of 10 homes on pieces of property immediately adjacent to the north edge of WMU's East Campus.

Two of the parcels are located on Oakland Drive, and the remaining eight are on Bellevue Place, which runs east off of Oakland.

The 10 parcels have been listed for sale since late December. A tentative agreement on a sale price of \$370,000 has been negotiated between the University and the owner of the properties.

Jan. J. Van Der Kley, vice president for business and finance, told trustees the move falls squarely into WMU's strategic plan and the goal of expanding the University's footprint around its oldest facilities. Historic East Hall is located just up the hill from the parcels and is about to be renovated for use as an alumni center. That center is scheduled to open in 2015.

"We expect the acquisition and demolition of these houses to substantially improve the appearance of an area that serves as the formal gateway to our East and Oakland Drive campuses," Van Der Kley said.

Trustees approve retirements of nine employees

The retirements of four faculty members and five staff members were approved by the WMU Board of Trustees at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Trustees also signed off on one faculty resignation as well as one sabbatical leave, and updated the department affiliations of numerous faculty members to make them consistent with revised names they approved for several academic departments.

All of the faculty members who are

Week set aside to recognize student workers' assistance

WMU will recognize its student employees during the 28th annual Student Employee Appreciation Week, Monday through Friday, Feb. 17-21.

The week is a time to honor student employees, who help to make WMU a great place to work and learn. It also provides an opportunity to showcase the University's outstanding student employees and the staff members who supervise them.

Career and Student Employment Services is accepting award nominations online through Monday, Feb. 10, for this year's Supervisor of the Year award and Belleville Student Employee of the Year award.

All 2014 award winners and nominees will be announced as well as celebrated during a reception at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Bernhard Center.

For more information or appreciation week materials, visit wmich.edu/career/seaw.

Office stages open houses

Development and alumni relations invites all WMU faculty and staff members to attend an open house in Walwood Hall.

Open houses will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11; Wednesday, Feb. 19; and Thursday, Feb. 27. Register at mywmu.com/openhouse.

Attendees will learn about the daily impact development and alumni relations makes and how the office's staff members can help in any area of the University. In addition, there will be snacks, refreshments and door prizes.

retiring are doing so with emeritus status. Their names, positions, years of continuous service and effective dates of retirement are: Larry Ahleman, chemical and paper engineering, 15 years, effective June 30; Peter Judd, social work, 17 years, effective April 30; Neal Turner, finance and commercial law, 14 years, effective April 30 (change in retirement date only); and James Visser, public affairs and administration, 16 years, effective Dec. 31.

The staff members retiring are: Johan Aghdai, College of Arts and Sciences, 33 years, effective Dec. 31, 2013; Susan Bland, Sindecuse Health Center, 18 years, effective Sept. 30, 2013; Jean Brand, building custodial and support services, 13 years, effective Dec. 31, 2013; Thomas Sopjes, maintenance services, 37 years, effective Dec. 31, 2013; and Rodney Wade, building custodial and support services, 40 years, effective Dec. 31, 2013.

The faculty member resigning is Stacey Fitzsimmons, assistant professor of management, effective April 29.

The sabbatical leave was granted to John Patten, industrial and entrepreneurial engineering and engineering management, effective for fall 2014.

WMU to hold huge annual career fair this month

WMU's 36th annual Career Fair is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Bernhard Center Ballroom.

The event will feature 175 employers and is open to the public, although geared toward WMU students and alumni. Job seekers from all fields are encouraged to attend.

Participating organizations represent such diverse areas as engineering, technology, education, health care, human services, manufacturing, financial services, aviation, transportation, construction, environmental sciences, retail, consumer products, and the government and nonprofit sectors.

"Many recruiters will be offering internships, so we encourage all students to visit the Career Fair even though they might not be looking for full-time employment yet. Attending the Career Fair will also be a great opportunity for students and faculty to do

some networking," says Buffy Nespodzany, event co-chair and WMU assistant director for employer relations and development.

"We'll be hosting a preparation room for WMU students to help them feel more comfortable and assist them in their interactions with the participating employers. Students will have an opportunity to practice a 'personal commercial' with a career coach as well as to get advice on things like professional dress and effective communication with employers."

In addition, Nespodzany urges WMU students to have their resumes reviewed prior to the fair at the Career Zone, open from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday on the first floor of Ellsworth Hall.

For more information, including a list of participating employers, visit wmich.edu/career/careerfair.

Sports medicine clinics slated

The campus community is invited to ask staff members from the WMU Sports Medicine Clinic about injury treatment options and rehabilitation during drop-in sessions this spring.

No appointment is needed for the sessions, which will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in three locations. The event dates and locations are:

- Wednesday, Feb. 19, Engineering and Applied Sciences Building lobby;
- March 19, Student Recreation Center lobby; and
- March 26, Health and Human Services Building student commons.

Visitors are invited to ask about their training aches and pains, or to learn how a sports medicine approach to treatment can help someone with an injury return to activity as soon as possible.

On Campus with Cat Fuller



GLOBALLY ENGAGED EVERY DAY
(Photo by Jeanne Baron)

Cat Fuller's routine isn't what most of us would consider routine. In any given week, she might be in India, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Kenya, Uzbekistan or some other distant place.

As director of international partnerships and degree programs for the Haenicke Institute, Fuller helps build and maintain the growing transnational education programs that WMU pioneered in the 1980s. These programs all allow international students to do part of their coursework for a WMU degree in their home countries, where their tuition will be less.

"Western has always had to recruit," Fuller says. "Setting up transnational education programs isn't just busy work. It affects enrollment and is a big part of our future."

Fuller conducts site visits and other research to make sure potential partnerships fit a niche as well as fit into WMU's mission. She also works out contract details, depending heavily on help from employees across campus who review course and other materials.

"I see it through from start to finish. I'm there in the beginning when we're negotiating that partnership and I'm there at the end when the students graduate on the Miller Auditorium stage," Fuller says. "I try to visit all of my partners each year to ensure everything is going OK. I especially enjoy meeting the students. We talk about Western and I answer their questions. It makes them feel like they're part of Western even before they get here."

Fuller, who earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Advertising and Promotion from WMU in 1988, was a student employee in the study abroad office. Instead of looking for a job locally, she moved to London and found a job with Dun & Bradstreet.

After returning home a year later, it was off to Los Angeles and a job as international construction coordinator for the Disney Stores corporate offices. She came back to WMU in 1993 and just before earning her master's degree in educational leadership in 1997, took a part-time job as assistant to the director of twinning programs, which were the University's first type of transnational programs. Fuller became full-time a year later and today, heads what had been the twinning programs unit.

She lives in Kalamazoo with her 16-year-old daughter, Madeleine, and enjoys working out as well as going to Kalamazoo Art Hops and area festivals and farmers' markets. "A typical year sees me out of the office about 40 to 50 percent of the time," she notes. "Just getting home and relaxing is a wonderful thing to do—laundry becomes a hobby."

Still, Fuller finds time to work on a second master's degree in comparative religion, be active in WMU's Administrative Professional Association, and serve on the Colleagues International Board of Directors as well as a local United Way funding committee.

Center created to enhance supply chain education

A new center has been established as part of the highly touted integrated supply management program to enhance delivery of leading-edge education by providing practical solutions to industry problems.

The WMU Center for Integrated Supply Management will offer an array of student learning experiences focusing on hands-on education and innovative research, which will further strengthen student and business relationships and help establish the program as a thought leader in supply chain management.

Memorial service set for Duncan

A campus memorial service set for Friday, Feb. 21, will honor the life and work of Lonnie E. Duncan, counselor education and



Duncan

counseling psychology, who died Dec. 31.

The event will be held at the Fetzer Center beginning at 3 p.m. and will include recognition by professional organizations as well as remembrances by faculty colleagues, administrators, students and alumni. Those planning to attend, are asked to RSVP at deanna.merz@wmich.edu or (269) 387-5103 by Friday, Feb. 14.

In addition, an executive education program will provide internal training to companies and managers who want to further the development of supply chain professionals.

In conjunction with the center, a new initiative—Bronco Force—will offer consulting services in supply chain to corporate clients. The program is designed to address difficulties supply chain managers face and, through faculty and student involvement, determine best methods to solve those problems in the workplace.

Ranked No. 12 in undergraduate supply chain education, WMU's ISM program was directed for many years by Robert Landeros, now chair of the Department of Management and a professor in supply management.

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folio award that is considered the ultimate tribute to educational design excellence. They included Boston University, the University of Kentucky, Princeton University and Texas A&M.

Other Sangren design honors include:

- a 2013 Citation of Excellence Award from *Learning by Design* magazine,
- a Project of Distinction award from *College Planning and Management* magazine,

Experts database going online

The Office of the Vice President for Research will release Phase 1 of WMU Discovery Experts Friday, Feb. 14.

Business leaders, industry partners and scholars will soon be able to access this electronic database of more than 900 WMU experts and collaborate on the broad range of discovery taking place at the University.

Daniel M. Litynski, vice president for research, says the database gives WMU personnel the ability to showcase their activities to the world as well as a tool to build their discovery, including research and commercialization, by finding collaborators and grant possibilities. WMU also will be linked with Michigan's other major research universities through a state Web portal.

- an Honor Award from the Detroit chapter of the American Institute of Architects,
- an Award of Merit from the Illuminating Engineering Society, and
- the Design Is award for the education market segment from Shaw Contract Group.

The sustainably designed and built hall has more than four dozen classrooms, thousands of instructional seats, and a large grants and research center.